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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 829
By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to commend Sarah Katharine Elder for her exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Katharine Elder is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator James F. Kyle; her work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislator she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Ms. Elder has achieved academic excellence while majoring in Public Relations and minoring in Political Science and Marketing; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished and respected leader, Sarah Katharine Elder has served on several committees at Middle Tennessee State University, including the President's Standing Committees for Student Publications and Athletics, the Search Committee for the Dean of Judicial Affairs, and the Review Board for the new Student Union; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Elder has been active in numerous extracurricular activities while attending Middle Tennessee State University; she has served with distinction as the Public Relations Chairman for Alpha Delta Pi, as a member of the Equestrian Team, as President of the Tennessee Quarter Horse Association, and as a member of the Tennessee Amateur Quarter Horse Association; and

WHEREAS, her persistence, hard work, and outstanding intellect have earned her numerous awards and honors, including the 2002 Carl Koella Intern Scholarship, 2nd Place at the 2002 Intercollegiate Horse Association World Championship, the Doris E. Cody Spirit Award for Alpha Delta Pi, the Excellent Service Award from the Student Government Association, the Sportsmanship Award from the Middle Tennessee State University Equestrian Team, the 2001 Honor Roll for Open Jumping from the American Quarter Horse Association, and the 2002 Tennessee Quarter Horse Association Queen; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed member of the American Quarter Horse Youth Association, Sarah Katharine Elder was a member of the 2000 U.S.A. World Cup Team and received the 2000 World Champion Public Speaking Award, the 1999 AQHF Scholarship, the 1999 Reserve World Champion Equitation Over Fences Award, the 1998 World Champion Horse Judging Team, the 1998 World Champion Impromptu Speaking Award, and the 1997 AQHA Youth Versatility Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Elder is a conscientious member of her community, and has generously served as a volunteer with the Elder's L.L.R. Handicapped Riding Program; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Middle Tennessee State University, she plans to attend law school; her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition as a student at Middle Tennessee State University and as an intern with the Tennessee General Assembly surely bodes well for her future success in college and throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Katharine Elder's noteworthy academic, professional, and competitive achievements have been a source of tremendous pride for parents, Roger and

Sandra Elder, her brother, John Elder, and her grandparents, Willard and Jean Abbott, Ovella Elder, and the late Dale Elder; and

WHEREAS, throughout her professional endeavors, Ms. Elder has distinguished herself as an exemplary employee; she has served Middle Tennessee State University with the utmost acumen and probity as an Assistant to the President of the University during the fall of 2002, and as a Public Relations Director for the Student Government Association from 2000-2002; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, she brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2002 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2002 legislative session, Sarah Katharine Elder has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; she has earned the respect and admiration of everyone with whom she has worked for her outstanding work ethic, reliability, and diligence in completing her responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing herself as a legislative intern, Ms. Elder endeared herself as a friend of Senator Kyle's family, especially his daughter, Caroline Kyle; and

WHEREAS, she has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Sarah Katharine Elder for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator James F. Kyle and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.